

**DRAFT - For approval November 27, 2019**  
**CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD**  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 0900 hours  
At State of CT Department of Veterans Affairs, Rocky Hill, CT

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, W. Champion, M. Daniels, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Paretzky, J. Quinlavin, J. Reynolds, A. Romano, F. Rosa, I. Smith, and R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: R. Kamin, J. Reynolds, J. Speak, S. Durante, A. Pugliese

EMSC: V. Barnes

Regional Presidents: M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Zacchera

Committee Chairs: W. Champion, D. Dole, R. Kamin, W. Fitzmaurice, K. McClaine, B. Morris, J. Paretzky, M. Zacchera, S Gregg.

Guests: K. Coupe, S. Conley

Board Chair: G. Allard presiding

Please submit request for written reports to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. [Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov](mailto:Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov)

**Meeting opened at 09:10 hours.**

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Sept 25, 2019 Minutes		Minor editorial changes.	Motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 25, 2019 made by W. Campion, 2nd by A. Romano  Motion passed with one abstention from J. Quinlavin
Public Comment		No report.	No action.
Chair's report	Mental Health Education legislation.	The Chair hand-delivered letter with supporting documents to DPH Commissioner regarding mental health legislative bill. Discussion.	A copy of the Letter will be sent to Board members.
OEMS – Rich Kamin for Ralf Coler	Written report submitted for October 2019	No comments.	No action.
	EMSC – Vickie Barnes	Working with Joel Demers regarding education credits.	No action.
Commissioner Saadi, CT Department of Veterans Affairs	Welcoming remarks.	Commissioner Saadi briefly discussed the VA Campus, services and goals. Those who wish to tour of get more information would be welcome to the campus.	

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Break-out session	Legislative Initiatives 2020 – Mike Loiz	Open discussion for all present. Lengthy discussion regarding Mental Health First Aid Training. Discussion around best way to append to this bill and to identify the motivation behind the bill.  PTSD – how will EMS be included	Charge to the Legislative Committee: 1. Identify the motivation behind the Bill 2. Present recommendations for pathways or actions for the Board to follow.  Committee will follow up.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC – Dr. K. McClaine Oct. 2019 Meeting Minutes submitted	Discussion regarding Specialty Care Transport (SCT), usage and level of care, and future of program; request for data and continued discussion regarding services.  EMS Handoff process was presented to CHA as minimum standard.  EMD position statement has been distributed – final offer to provide feedback.	See written report.  Motion to endorse the document “Critical Lack of Consistency in CT’s EMD Process-Position paper of the CEMSMAC” with minor editorial changes by J. Quinlavin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dr. L. Bolton. Motion passed unanimously.  Next meeting Nov. 14, 2019
	Clinical Coordinators – J. Quinlavin	Committee met Oct. 10, 2019; Discussion regarding working with continuing education.	No action
	Communications CMED and SIEC – B. Morris	Committee met on Oct. 9, 2019. Discussion regarding CMED directory, formed subcommittee to look at P25 system (State of Connecticut communication system); leverage what state system has, Clarification around what CMED is.	No action.

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	CORP – W. Fitzmaurice	Committee met last month, focus on reworking EMS awards (making awards more user friendly); strategic plan, asked for feedback on plan, nominations open in November.	No action.
	Education/Training – M. Zacchera	No report, no meeting	No action.
	Emergency Preparedness Minutes – J. Reynolds	Judi Reynolds spoke briefly for Bill Ackley regarding Forward Movement of Patients (FMOP).	No action.
	Legislative, meeting minutes, documents submitted – M. Loiz	See Breakout Session. Trauma Triage Guidelines will be addressed by the Trauma Committee.	Next meeting is Dec. 19, 2019
	MIH, minutes submitted.	Committee Meeting to be held Oct. 24, 2019	No action.
	Nominating – W. Campion	The Committee nominates Greg Allard to be recommended to the Commissioner for the next one year. Nominations to W. Campion will be accepted within the next 15 days.	For vote at the November meeting.
	Paramedic – D. Dole	Committee met on Oct. 9, 2019; Discussion around legislative bills, PTSD US Senate Bill 2552, Medicare bill – keep an eye on to include all EMS providers.	Next meeting Nov. 13, 2019
	Public Information and Education – B. Ziegler	No update	No update.

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	Regionalization – J. Laucella - Sept 30, 2019 written report submitted	Discussion regarding identifying focus of meeting and core questions for regions; development of best practice guideline.	Next meeting Oct. 28, 2019
	Trauma - S. Gregg	Trauma triage Discussion; Trauma triage guidelines, field trauma regulations have not been updated since 2006  Registry work coming along well; webinars available, training available – fully operational in 3-6 months; data will be provided to commissioner; Phase 2 and beyond will be linked to transportation data.	No update
	Volunteer - J. Paretzky Minutes submitted.	Verbiage on how to change present Regulations for EMR to make up an ambulance crew.	Next meeting November 14, 2019 in Vernon
	Old Business	No discussion.	
Meeting adjourned	11:04 a.m.		Motion to adjourn by G. Allard and passed unanimously.
Next Meeting	0900 hours	November 27, 2019, Hunters Ambulance	

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